

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES
August 9, 2010

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session in the Lower Level Conference Room of City Hall on August 9, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Police Merit Commission President Leverenz called the meeting to order and presided.

PRESENT: Commissioners Corrigan, Kirkpatrick, Leverenz, Troyer.

ABSENT: Suitor [Commissioner Suitor's resignation letter was received June 3]

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Attorney Brooks, Police Chief Dombkowski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Corrigan moved to amend the minutes of July 12, 2010, changing "Commission President Leverenz said that the current list would expire approximately August 1," on page 2 to "Commission President Leverenz said that the current list would expire August 11." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troyer. The motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Corrigan moved to accept the amended minutes of the July 12, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

2011 Budget

Commission President Leverenz stated that he had signed the 2011 budget for the Police Merit Commission, so it is now set, and will be the same as the 2010 budget.

Application Fee

Commissioner Corrigan asked what would happen to the \$25 application fee. Commission President Leverenz answered that Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes reported that it would go to the General Fund.

2010 Budget

Commission President Leverenz reported that there was budgetary carryover of \$8,460 from 2009 into 2010 to pay for Dr. LeBreton and his assistants. The invoice was \$6,000, and it has been paid.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief's Report

Police Chief Dombkowski advised the Commission that there are two open entry-level positions, created when spouses finished degrees at Purdue University and left the State. The hope is to fill one of the vacancies late this year, and one in 2011 at an unknown date. The Chief said he is waiting to learn if the Department will receive a federally-funded grant to fund an officer's position for three years, after which the Department must retain the position for four years. Last year, the Department was not successful in receiving the award. If the grant is received, it will fund a position, which means that the vacant position would not be filled, at least until late in 2011. The City is in a hiring freeze, so civilian positions will be unfilled.

Commissioner Corrigan asked if the Department is working on the applicant list from last year. Police Chief Dombkowski responded that he believes that background checks were done on 12

individuals. The Commission discussed this matter and determined that there would be no additional background checks until the next group of applicants in October.


Police Chief Dombkowski distributed his report for July 2010.


NEXT MEETING

September 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Troyer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corrigan. Commission President Leverenz adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:41 p.m.


Larry Leverenz
President


Bob Troyer
Secretary